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PR Repeal Petitions Are Being Circulated

To Hold Joint Meeting With Other Interested Organizations

Hundreds of petitions for repeal of the PR system of electing city councilmen were circulated this week through the efforts of the Political Action Committee which is sponsoring the charter amendment to eliminate PR.

More petitions will be circulated next week, according to PAC Chairman Clayton Rusch, who said that 5000 circulations have been printed for distribution throughout CIO shops and for a house-to-house canvass.

Mr. Rusch explained that while 13,500 valid signatures would be required to place the PR referendum on the ballot, there was no doubt in the minds of PAC officials that this could be accomplished. "We hope to secure at least 30,000 signatures which will more than take care of the number required to get the question on the ballot," he said.

Invites Groups Support

Discussing the various groups in the city which are favorable to repeal of the PR system, Mr. Rusch said, "we earnestly solicit the aid of any and all groups which are in agreement with us that PR should be repealed. We will welcome their cooperation in liquidating a system of electing municipal officials which has proved itself bankrupt."

Mr. Rusch explained that plans were under way for a joint meeting between PAC and members of civic associations and other groups interested in repealing PR.

Women To Canvass

Not only will the petitions be circulated through shop committeemen, stewards and members of the PAC, but one women's group has volunteered to circulate the petitions house-to-house in an effort to secure every possible signature.

Mounting evidence of the interest which is being taken in the PR repeal proposal is the increased number of new PAC memberships which have been taken out by more than 8,000 since the PAC membership drive began six weeks ago. The current drive is expected to end with approximately 10,000 new members.

Enthusiastic reports of the results of the membership drive in the various shops was given by PAC shop representatives at a meeting held at Local 12 headquarters on March 12. More than 5,000 new memberships were reported from the Willys-Overland plant alone with other plants showing similar gains.

A speakers committee is being organized to carry the PR repeal campaign to all groups of the city. Any group, desiring a speaker may secure one by calling the PAC office, MAin 9126 or writing to the PAC, 425 Winthrop St., Toledo 10.

Coal Strike Still Possible

WASHINGTON (LPA)—John L. Lewis last week had the public and government officials guesing as negotiations for a new contract between the United Mine Workers and the coal operators started behind closed doors at the Shoreham Hotel. The guessing involved questions of just how much Lewis would give in, whether he would insist on the 10c-a-ton royalty demand and other points of the 18 proposed contract improvements. Major speculation, however, was on the question of whether the unpredictable Lewis would dare to call a wartime strike to win his demands.

UAW Again Ask CIO to Quit WLB

DETROIT, (LPA) March 10—For the second time the United Auto Workers-CIO, the nation's largest union, has asked the CIO to withdraw its members from the War Labor Board.

Last week's action by the UAW's executive board reaffirmed the same request made last month by the board in a meeting at New Orleans.

In Detroit, while ballots were being counted on a nationwide referendum on revocation of the no-strike pledge, striking UAW workers had returned to their jobs at the Chrysler Dodge plant and negotiations were in progress to end another strike at the Briggs Manufacturing Co.

Final tabulation of votes in the no-strike referendum will not be completed until the votes of UAW members in the armed services are counted. Preliminary estimates by an auditing committee estimated that more than 300,000 votes had been cast and that approximately 30% of the ballots were against the pledge.

Back Pay Granted

A WLB directive handed down last week will mean at least $10,000,000 in back pay for General Motors workers, Walter Reuther, UAW vice president and director of the union's GM department, declared last wek.

The WLB ruling, Reuther said, "raises third shift premiums from 5 to 7½% an hour. Since this wil be retroactive to a period when third shift operations were extensive, there will be approximately $5,500,000 in back pay.

The WLB decision removing a previous 120-day limitation on back pay due for adjusted hourly rates "will mean another substantial sum of retroactive pay," Reuther said. "The approximate sum is not easily estimated, but it will bring the total to well over $10,000,000. In addition I am informed that the WLB has reached a directive in the case of GM's Brown-Lite-Chapin Division, Syracuse, which will mean some $500,000 in back pay for approximately 1000 women workers there."

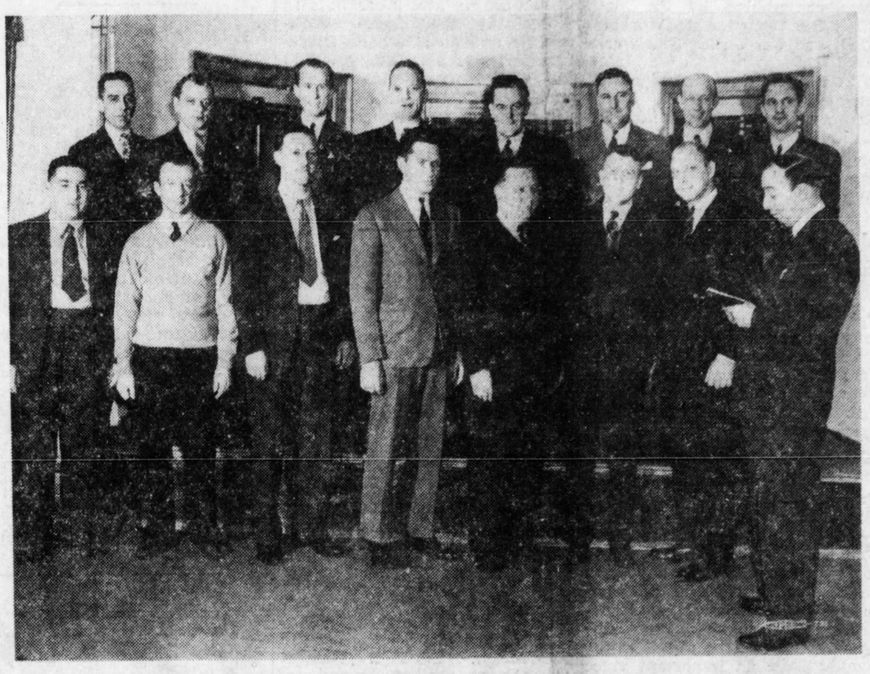
Guntrup Returns To Edit Union Leader

Walter Guntrup, former editor of the Toledo Union Leader, AFL publication, who resigned in 1943 after serving for 13 years returned this week to his former position with the Leader.

Walter Guntrup

As editor of the Union Leader, Mr. Guntrup made a host of good friends in and out of his own union who welcome him back to his old position which he served so well for years. His return follows change in officers of the Central Labor Union.

Local 12 Officers Obligated



Members of the Local 12 executive board were installed into office by Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO director of Region 2-B at the March meeting of the Local. Those who were installed are rear right to left: Ernest Kabacki, Norm Meyers, Randolph Gray, Melvin Schultz, Tom Burke, Lloyd Speidel, Ted Modrowski, Richard Gosser.

Second row: Bart Dederman, Heinz Szeve, John Kiplinger, Frank Kowalski, Bill Weston, Howard Cutcher, Mac Biddle and Jerry Biddle.

Vinson Puts Wage Straitjacket In His Last Official Act

'Fringe' Issues May Lead To WPB Blowup

WASHINGTON, March 10, (LPA) — The most drastic wage straitjacket since imposition of the Little Steel formula was put over last week by Fred M. Vinson as one of his last acts in the role of director of economic stabilization before he took over his new position of Federal Loan Administrator.

If Vinson's directive stands unaltered, then it will undoubtedly lead to a "blowup" in the Nat'l War Labor Board, union chiefs predicted. It was anticipated an immediate effort will be undertaken to have Vinson's successor—former WLB chairman William H. Davis — modify the harshness of the directive. Filling Davis' seat as WLB chairman is Dr. George W. Taylor, previously vice-chairman.

Vinson's directive culminated a long tug-of-war with the WLB over what limits should be placed on wage adjustments involving "fringe" issues—such as night shift differentials, job reclassifications, vacations with pay, and the like.

Gives OPA Veto

The WLB insisted that it be permitted to continue its present policy of deciding such cases on their merits within reasonable guideposts which have been developed by the Board over a period of time. Vinson demanded that no such adjustments involving price increases be granted without prior OPA approval—in other words, giving the OPA "veto" power over the Board.

Vinson broke the stalemate last Friday with a sweeping directive which some newspapers at first interpreted as "lifting the lid" but which later turned out to be a "slamming of the lid."

Among other features, the order prohibits the Board from granting job reclassifications and job re-evaluations to correct inequalities in a plant beyond an amount averaging one cent an hour or one percent for all employes.

How drastic is this restriction can be seen from the fact that in the Board's recent decision

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CIO Man First To Cross Rhine

Alex Drabik, Local 65, Wins Distinction

Major General John W. Leonard and Sergeant Alex Drabik made it Toledo day on the Rhine last week. The former commanded the first American troops to cross the bridge over the river at Remagen, and the latter was the first American soldier to cross to the east side of the Rhine.

Sgt. Drabik

Sergeant Drabik's feat in addition to bringing honor to his city, made his fellow workers of the CIO in Toledo proud to know that one of their members had the distinction of being the first to set foot on the east side of the Rhine.

A member of the CIO ever since it was organized at Folger's in 1937, Sergeant Drabik was a staunch believer in his union. He is a member of Local 65, UAW-CIO.

Fellow workers at Folger's Packing House are singing the praises of their fellow member. His brother, Victor, is also employed at Folger's and like the rest of the workers is proud of his brother's accomplishment.

Sergeant Drabik's father and mother have a farm near Holland and both are proud for the great honor which has been given their soldier son and thankful that his life has been spared.

It is believed that some token of recognition will be proposed at the next meeting of the Toledo Industrial Union Council March 22 to honor the worker-soldier who has brought honor to his family, his city and the CIO.

Gosser Installs 12's Officers

Newly elected officers and executive board members of Local 12, UAW-CIO were installed by Regional Director Richard Gosser at the March 9 meeting of the Local.

In his brief talk following the installation ceremony, Director Gosser used as his subject the last part of the officers obligation. He told the officers that he hoped that they would gain the esteem of their brothers by their conduct in office and that they would secure the approval of their own conscience.

Director Gosser emphasized the importance of union office and spoke of the economic welfare of the workers which is in the hands of those chosen to lead them. "Sooner or later" he said, "We must all listen to our conscience and live with it."

Those installed were Melvin Schultz, president; Tom Burke, vice-president; Randolph Gray, financial secretary; Lloyd Speidell, recording secretary and Norman Meyers, treasurer.

Also obligated were William Weston, parliamentarian; Howard Cutcher, assistant guide; Heinze Szeve and Ted Modrowski, trustees; Gerald Biddle, guide; Marcene Biddle, sergeant-at-arms; Frank Kowalski, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Bart Dederman and Ernest Kubacki, board members-at-large.

John Kiplinger truste is a holdover serving the long term as trustee.

TX Election Date Set

Representatives of UAW-CIO, MESA and the Packard Motor Co. management met on March 8 and set the date for the TX Division election for April 4. The balloting will take place in the company plant at the South end of the restricted area in the TX Division.

UAW-CIO representatives are confident that they will be able to win the election, but are leaving no stones unturned to insure the victory in the April 4 election. Approximately 60 per cent of the workers in the division are signed and paid members in UAW-CIO.

Additional memberships are being secured from day to day in the division despite the efforts of the rival union to discredit the UAW and secure more members. Last minute efforts of the MESA to throw mud through handbills and other methods seem to be having an opposite effect than that which they were designed to accomplish.

According to the NLRB representative, there is a possibility that the election may be moved up to March 29, but this was believed to be remote in view of the situation in the coal industry.

Wise Aids Skilled Drive

Jack Wise, International representative attached to the office of Regional Director Richard Gosser has been aiding in the skilled trades organizational drive at Packard TX and in other Toledo plants in which the skilled workers are under process of organization.

In addition to aiding with the skilled trades drive, Mr. Wise has been active in making finished maps for the PAC and in completing technical charts for tool and die, office and foundry workers. Various technical charts and diagrams have also been completed which will aid in compiling the rates for various types of skilled jobs in Region 2-B.

Pipe Threading Unit Aids Red Cross

Officers and members of the Toledo Pipe Threading Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO are proud of their record of 100 per cent participation in the current Red Cross fund drive. A total of $418.58 has been donated to the drive which included a gift for $100 voted by the Unit members.

Successful culmination of the drive was due to a considerable extend to the hard work of Melvin Lazette, William Eick and Virgil F. Muetzel who solicited the gifts. A check for the total collection will be sent to the Toledo Chapter of the Red Cross.

Willys Workers Given Increase By WLB

Skilled Workers To Share In Wage Hikes

Several thousand non-productive workers at the Willys-Overland plant, members of Local 12, UAW-CIO, will receive wage increases ordered by the War Labor Board in a directive announced by the board on March 13. Included in the increase were several categories of skilled workers who will also benefit from the wage hike.

Increases were based upon plant inequalities according to Union officials who stated that the increases will be paid retroactive to July 24, 1944.

Increases to be paid the workers will vary and will be explained to the workers by Local 12 officials. Total amount of the retroactive pay will also be outlined to the workers in a meeting of the Willys Unit.

Also approved by the WLB was a vacation clause which will increase the payments on the number of hours worked during the year.

Retail Council To Meet

Tentative plans have been made for a meeting of the Toledo Joint Council of the URWDSEA-CIO early in March to complete the organization of the Council and elect officers.

The Joint Council voted by Local 363 and Local 15 at their joint annual meeting earlier this year will give each organization equal representation on the Council and bring about closer relationships and coordination in the two Locals.

Members of the board have been chosen by both Locals 363 and 15 and will elect their officers and perfect their plans at the April meeting.

Each Local will maintain its own identity and full complement of ofifcers. The advantage will be that under the Joint Council a more efifcient and businesslike conduct of the affairs of both Locals can be maintained. Approximately 3500 members will be represented by the new organizational setup.
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Unemployment Caused By Gas Shortage

COLUMBUS, O., March 12—For the second consecutive month the gas shortage was a major factor in increased claims for unemployment compensation in Ohio during February. Chas. H. Jones, administrator of the Ohio Bureau of Unemployment Compensation, said today that nearly one-third of the 3,555 new claims received by the Bureau during February, an eight per cent gain over January, were the result of this cause. It marked the first time in Bureau operations that new claims received in February outnumbered the January claims.

Marion Company Signs Contract

Old Fort Mills Co. of Marion signed a contract this week, after negotiations had been completed by International representative James Crowley of Director Richard Gosser's office. The contract signed by the company management contained most of the clauses of the master contract including grievance procedure, plant seniority, maintenance of membership and checkoff, vacation clause and a five cent bonus for 2nd and 3rd shift workers.

Mr. Crowley is also conducting negotiations with the Farrell-Cheek Foundry Co., Sandusky for Local 310 of that city.

The case of the Pilliod Cabinet Co. Swanton, in which the company refused to recognize the UAW-CIO as plant bargaining agent has been referred to the company by a WLB directive of March 1 in which the Board ordered the company to recognize the union and negotiate an agreement within the 30 days period allowed by the Board. Mr. Crowley stated that this case will also be handled by him.

The balance of Mr. Crowley's time has been spent in negotiating grievances for the workers of Local 50 employed by the Universal Cobler Co. of Marion.

Legion Backtracks On Firing Plan

WASHINGTON, March 10 (LPA) — Just in time, last week, the American Legion ducked out from beneath a gathering storm of labor and liberal condemnation of a proposal it had made behind closed government doors on Feb. 21, which would have canceled out the seniority of all war workers hired after May 1, 1940.

The Legion's plan, which would have thrown millions of war workers out on the street, was supposedly designed to turn over war workers' jobs to returning vets.

Backtracking quickly after other veterans' organizations refused to go along on the scheme, which labor economists declared could disrupt established collective bargaining machinery as well as the nation's postwar economy, the Legion agreed finally to a formula which provided that "veteran-seniority credits shall not be used to displace a worker on a job or to displace a worker involved in a temporary layoff of 90 days, or less."

Concurs With Others

The Legion, tacitly admitting defeat on its original proposal, concurred on the new program with the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign aWrs.

The new agreement was proposed, as was the Legion's original union-busting idea, at a meeting of the Retraining and Re-employment Advisory Council which is headed by Veterans Administrator Hines. The Council was set up under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

The Legion, at first, tried to deny that any proposal for seniority cancellation had been made, but the facts were verified by labor officials and representatives of other veterans groups.

The final agreement of the three organizations, which is advanced as an addition to the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, provides that:

"...all persons entering the armed forces on or after May 1, 1940, and prior to the official termination of the present war and who are released from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable, shall be credited with seniority rights for employment purposes at a ratio of not less than 1 day of seniority credit for each day of service in the armed forces, and that such continuity and retention apply in obtaining employment as well as for continuity and retention in employment. Seniority credits in the same ratio shall also be credited for periods of hospitalization and medical treatment, education or vocational training, following release for discharge from active service. Provided, that with

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Speakers

Additional speakers are needed for the PAC. Anyone who believes they have the ability to talk before small groups, or who would be interested in gaining the experience of speaking in public are requested to contact the PAC office, MAin 9126 or to see Clayton Rusch, Room 410, 425 Winthrop St. You need not be an experienced public speaker. If you can talk you can speak in public.

You're Invited

If you are a skilled worker, you are invited to attend the stewards meeting at Local 12 Friday, March 23 to hear vice-president Walter P. Reuther of the International UAW-CIO.

You will want to hear this authority on skilled trades, will tell you of the recent developments in the skilled trades division and the efforts which are being made by your union to adjust your wage inequalities. The meeting begins at 8:00 p. m.

Labor Wins Fight Against Labor Draft

WASHINGTON, March 10 (LPA) — Organized labor's long, hard battle against militarization of the nation's workers under a labor draft has culminated in a sweeping victory in the U. S. Senate.

The Senate by knockout majorities last week rejected legislation demanded by the "brass hats" and the Administration which would have subjected workers to indirect military control and to "work or jail" penalties for disobeying regulations.

Instead, by a 63-to-16 margin, the Senate adopted a substitute bill prepared by its Military Affairs Committee which gives statutory backing to the existing regulations of the War Manpower Commission and leaves manpower controls in civilian hands.

The really decisive test occurred earlier, when another substitute sponsored by Sen. Revercomb (R. W. Va.) and containing some semi-compulsory features was up for consideration.

Sen. Josiah W. Bailey, reactionary North Carolina Democrat, tried to get through an amendment to the Revercomb substitute, which would apply Selective Service "draft dodger" penalties—of up to 5 years in jail and $10,000 fine—to workers from 18 to 45 who quit war jobs without draft board permission or who refuse to go to jobs where ordered.

Bailey's "rider" was a thinly disguised scheme to put over the heart of the May labor draft bill which previously passed the House but which at no time had a chance in the Senate.

Bailey was thoroughly trounced, however, Senators turned down his amendment by 60-to-23, and followed up by rejecting the Revercomb substitute also, 54-to-27.

After that reversal, the advocates of "forced labor" legislation practically ran up the white flag and the Military Af-

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National Supply Unit Denies Strike Charge

Officers of the National Supply Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO, deny that the work stoppage on March 10 was a strike. The first shift was sent home after the company refused to assist the union in settling a dispute involving union members. Cause of the difficulty was the action of a union member in tearing down a notice containing the names of all the workers in the department who were asked to donate money to the Unit's soldier welfare fund. The worker who tore down the notice, did so because there was a figure 0 after his name showing that he did not donate to the fund.

A second notice was posted and another worker went to the bulletin board, tore off the notice, crumpled it into a ball and threw it in the department steward's face.

Ask Company Aid

Unit oficials asked the company to take the men off their jobs in order to discuss their action. When the company refused to comply with the union's request, the workers refused to continue their work until the offenders had been removed from their machines.

Company officials ordered the workers to return to their machines or warned that the power would be shut down and the employees sent home. The company's ultimatum was not met and at 9:10 a. m. the power was shut off.

Unit officials point out that the next shift went to work, proof that there was no strike, and that work was resumed Monday morning without any meeting of the Unit.

Both offenders were disciplined by the Unit and accepted their penalties without protest.

Unit spokesmen stated that the company had used the issue to bring bad publicity to the union and that the National Supply management had grasped upon the situation to make it appear that the workers were out on strike.

Edmund Birtwistle, Unit

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Pass FEPC Bill Both Houses Told

WASHINGTON, March 10, (LPA) — In both, Senate and House, bills to set up a permanent FEPC moved ahead last week.

On the Senate side of the capitol, hearings began March 12, on the bill sponsored by a bipartisan bloc. A subcommittee of the Committee on Education and Labor, headed by Senator Dennis Chavez (D. N. M.), is hearing the witnesses. Chavez, who steered the last bill through the committee, said that there would have been no necessity for hearings in this session, except for the fact that Sen. Robert Taft (R. Ohio) has introduced a rival bill.

These hearings, Chavesz said, should show to what extent public opinion is for or against a bill with teeth in it. Speaking in favor of the permanent FEPC already asked to be heard. They include James P. Carey and George Weaver from the Natl. CIO, I. Zimmerman for the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union-AFL, Adolph Held for the Jewish Labor Committee, R. Martinez and Tilford Dudley for the United Packinghouse Workers, and George Addes for the United Auto Workers. Other support will come from church, management, race relations and other organizations.

Meanwhile, on the House side, hearings started last week before the House Rules Committee on a request that the permanent FEPC bill, already approved by the House Labor Committee, be put on the calendar of legislation.

Permanent FEPC supporters now figure the Rules Committee will tie, 6 to 6 on a vote. They hope that before hearings end they will find that one of the Southern members will break the deadlock either by absenting himself from the meeting, or will vote favorably. Otherwise, a discharge petition will be started.

Absenteeism Marks Columbus Hearing

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 7. —But eight of 15 members of the House Labor Committee showed up at the Wednesday morning hearing on HB 257 to hear the testimony of young women who had been forced to give up their jobs because they had been overworked under the hourly provisions of the Ross Act.

Out of the eight that did appear, only a few showed any sympathy to the tales of nervous exhaustion brought on by working, in some instances, 20 days straight. A majority of the Labor Committtee turned a skeptical ear as the girls recited their cases.

One girl was sharply questioned by Representative Cory (R.) Fostoria, who is author of extension of the Ross Act, on the reason why her sister couldn't do the family washing in addition to holding a war job.

Representative Cory was confounded when he crossed swords with Mrs. Fenton Fish of the Ohio Federation of Churchwomen, who appeared in opposition to the Cory bill. Prone to make disparaging comparisons between the farm and city worker, Cory asked Mrs. Fish why city women were objecting to their excessive hours, whereas the farm women were silent.

"I worked on a farm, too," replied the churchwoman. "I was born and raised on a farm. But that's quite different from a modern production line. If I got a headache on the farm, I could take off a half hour and let the cows wait."

A poll is being kept of the Committee members who have been consistently absent from hearings on this bill. Their vote on the measure will be matched with their attendance record to see if they had, indeed, prejudged the bill without hearing.

Legion

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the exception of periods of hospitalization and education following discharge, the use of such seniority credits for initial employment purposes must be initiated within 90 days following release or discharge and thereafter shall remain valid until employment is obtained, but in no event to exceed 1 year from discharge. Provided further, that such veteran-seniority credits shall not be used to displace a worker on a job or to displace a worker involved in a temporary lay-off of 90 days or less.

The final qualification, which marks a recession from the Legion's original stand, was greeted in Washington as acknowledgment of the fact that the Legion's short-sighted idea of cancelling all seniority dating from May, 1940, could lead to economic disaster.

Neither the CIO or AFL have had opportunity as yet to discuss this newest formula. Meanwhile all organized labor is continuing with plans to insure accumulated seniority for all union members while they have been in service. In addition, most unions have decided to waive initiation fees for new members who have been in the armed forces.

WLB Promotes John Ferguson

CLEVELAND—March 10 — Promotion of John R. Ferguson, disputes officer for the Fifth Regional War Labor Board, to assistant director of the Disputes Division of the Board was announced today by Regional Chairman Frederick H. Bullen. Board membership.

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involving the steel industry the average adjustment for correction of inequalities was placed at 5 cents an hour. In other cases the Board has been averaging 3 cents an hour. That would be slashed by two-thirds under Vinson's order.

On shift differentials, the Board had been granting a premium generally of 5 cents an hour for the second shift and 10 cents for the third, in cases of "non-continuous" operations, but Vinson's directive would limit that to 4 and 8 cents respectively.

Only on merit increases and automatic wage progression systems, and on vacations with pay, did Vinson accept the standards which the Board has heretofore been following.

Labor Members Object

Labor members of the Board said they didn't see how the Board could function under such a straitjacket and they implied the WLB might as well fold up if the directive sticks.

Some hope, however, was held out that Davis may ease up on the directive in view of his long experience as chairman of the WLB and his sympathy with the problems of the Board. If he does not, a "crackup" of the Board is "inevitable", one union leader declared.

Political Action

by Clayton Rusch *Chairman of the Political Action Committee*

Many people are still of the opinion that the interest of the PAC is concentrated around the public elections and that the activities which take place the rest of the year are unimportant.

This is not true. Working to get liberal and progressive people who believe in our program elected to public office is only a part of the task of the PAC. Even carrying out this one objective requires an organization which can do a year round job. The organization which can get out the labor vote on election day must have deep grass roots in every neighborhood, and this can only be secured and maintained by a planned yearly program.

The task of the PAC is more than getting out the vote on election day. For one thing, even though labor constitutes a majority of the people, our program is in the best interests of the whole people and it is the task of the PAC to see that the people become informed about our objectives.

High on our agenda right now is pressure for passage of Senate bill 94 and House bill 167 in the Ohio Legislature which will increase unemployment compensation from $16 for 18 weeks to $25 for 26 weeks.

WRITE A LETTER

Write to State Senators Raymond Hildebrand and Virgil Cramer and to State Representatives Opal Mundy, Wm. Donovan, Chester Early, Fred Hunt, and Ben. Reading urging passage of these bills.

Also high on the PAC agenda is the drive to repeal the so-called Proportionate Representation system of electing city councilmen and replacing it with the simple and democratic method of election in which the voter places an X alongside the names of nine candidates.

Plans are now under way for bi-weekly meetings of Ohio Legislators from Lucas County with Toledo labor leaders and heads of social agencies.

The initial 1945 membership drive has just been completed with a response that has been encouraging. We are still short of our goal of 50,000 members, but a good start has been made.

Ed Kurek, chairman of A. C. Klopping Unit of Local 12, has signed his shop up 100%. So has Fred Albright, chairman of Acme Specialty, another Local 12 shop.

Any member willing to serve on the speakers' committee should mail his name and address to this office.

Every CIO shop in this area is entitled to representation at the PAC representatives meeting which meets the second Monday of each month at 425 Winthrop St. Some shops have not yet selected a representative. These shops should do so at once and mail in the name, address and shop of the representative to this office.

There will soon be a general membership PAC meeting for both shifts. Watch this paper for announcements.

CIO Starts Mont.-Ward Organizing Campaign

WASHINGTON (LPA) March 10—A nationwide drive to organize Montgomery Ward workers, backed by a $500,000 fund, has been initiated by the CIO.

Irving Abramson, president of the New Jersey CIO Industrial Union Council and chairman of the Natl. CIO War Relief Committee, has been named national director of the Montgomery Ward drive.

Abramson's headquarters will be in New York, but local offices will be opened in every city where Ward employes are seeking organization.

The $500,000 organizing fund was contributed by the Natl. CIO, the United Auto Workers-CIO, and the United Steelworkers-CIO.

The organizing campaign will endeavor to enroll all Montgomery Ward workers into the United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Employes-CIO, headed by President Samuel Wolchok.

Labor Draft

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fairs Committee substitute then had easy sailing. That substitute had qualified support of organized labor—that is, labor felt if any legislation had to be passed the committee substitute was preferable.

Contains Indirect Compulsion

Even the substitute—by giving the force of law to War Manpower Commission controls—contains indirect compulsion, but there are no "work or jail" or "work or fight" penalties in it insofar as workers are concerned, and besides, 350 labor-management committees, now functioning in the WMC setup, would have an important voice in its administration.

Advocates of a labor draft haven't given up the battle, however. If the issue goes to a conference committee of both houses, a hot tug-of-war is likely to occur on the Senate versus House bills.

Rep. A. J. May (D. Ky.), chairman of the House Military Afafirs Committee and author of the original forced labor measure, said he would fight in conference for his "work or jail" bill, and predicted the House would not accept the Senate substitute.

Sweatshop Pay Okayed For Lumber Mills

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Labor last week bitterly attacked a War Manpower Commission ruling which in effect freezes Southern lumber mill workers even though they earn starvation wages.

Influence of lobbyists for the Southern and Southwestern Pine Assns. might have caused the WMC's change in policy, according to AFL director of organization Frank Fenton.

Unions Ask Congress Probe Of 'Christian Americans'

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The labor-baiting Dies Committee spent $650,000 in its five-year campaign supposedly devoted to un-American activities.

The Dies Committee's successor, headed by Rept. Hart (D. N. J.), however, plans to spend only $50,000 this year. The chief investigator and two assistants have not yet been named.

Union groups throughout the country are asking that the new committee undertake first an investigation of the Christian American Association which has been pushing anti-labor bills in many state legislatures. Anti-semitic and anti-Catholic literature has also been attributed to the Christian Americans. Because the Committee's staff has not been set up there has been no indication as to what organizations will be investigated.

The House vote to give the Committee the $50,000 appropriation was 314-54.

Discrimination Is Bad Economics

Discrimination in employment is unprofitable to business. This statement was submitted to the New York State Committee Agains Distrimination by Denis J. Driscoll and Willard L. Thorp, Trustees of Associated Gas and Electric Corporation.

To prove the economical unsoundness of discrimination, the Trustees suggested the absurdity of seeking forty Grade A stenographers which must all be green-eyed red-heads. The likelihood of having to take Grade B or C stenographers is apparent. So is the obvious rise in the cost of production. Through practical experiment with its own employees, the Corporation has proved to itself that its workers of various ethnic, national and religious origins have become an excellent working unit.

The conclusion drawn by the Trustees is that there is a vital need for legislation against discrimination in employment. Such legislation should be so drafted as to express not only the principles, but the vigorous will of the community to make those principles a living reality. Asociated Gas and Electric Corporation is a holding company, and has as subsidiaries both holding companies and operating public utilities scattered throughout the country.

Strike Charge

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chairman, stated the case for the union when he said, "we sought to give a statement to the press which was not taken because we were told the 'editor was out.' Our Unit has been made to appear in a bad light by the company management because we sought to talk to one of our own members and get him straightened out. So far as the servicemen's welfare fund is concerned, all donations are strictly voluntary. Our objections to the workers in question was their conduct and not the fact that they did not give to the soldier's fund."

Religion Fights For Labor

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (LPA) —An eight-point program to weld religious action and economic justice for workers and their unions has been advanced by the National Religion and Labor Foundation. The program, which assails groups like the Christian American Association "which garb themselves in religious vestments and give religious sanction to the exploitation of the many," calls for:

1. Continue and expand our campaign for full employment after the war and a guaranteed annual wage.
2. Continue efforts to relate clergymen and church groups to the organizing campaign of unions.
3. Intensify efforts to counteract anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination.
4. Fight coercive legislation like the work-or-fight bill.

Mexico City Meeting Urges Workers Gains

WASHINGTON (LPA) March 10—Resolutions adopted at the recent Inter-American Conference at Mexico City propose "the improvement of labor standards and working conditions, including collective bargaining, all leading to a rising level of living and increased consumption" in all the American republics.

The conference, which adjourned March 8, marked the first occasion in recent years when labor officials were attached to a U. S. delegation at such an international gathering. Julius Luhrsen of the Railroad Brotherhoods, George Meany of the AFL, and David McDonald of the CIO were members of the U. S. delegation, and all took an active part in the work of the committees drawing up the conference decisions.

A "Declaration of Social Principles" was adopted by the conference, putting the nations on record for:

1. Social legislation that will protect the working class and that will embody guarantees as well as rights on a scale not inferior to the one recommended by the Intl. Labor Organization.
2. To establish in all countries of the hemisphere a minimum living wage, computed in accordance with the living conditions pertaining to the geography and economy of each American country; that this salary be elastic and related to the increase in prices, so that its remunerative capacity protects and increases the purchasing power of the worker.
3. To develop the application of social insurance for illness, old age, disablement, death, maternity and unemployment.
4. To provide for services of preventive medicine, protection of women and children, nutrition and the enactment of necessary legislation to establish adequate means of hygiene, industrial insurance and professional risks.

Skilled Workers Granted Increases

Tool and die makers employed by the Hall Mfg Co. and Swartzbaugh Mfg. Co. were granted wage increases according to the sound and tested rates in recent directives issued by the War Labor Board. Hall employes wage increases were made retroactive to Dec. 1, 1943. Back pay amounted from $300 minimum to $400.

Tillotson Mfg. Co. millwrights were also raised to the approve wage range in a seperate directive received by Local 12, UAW-CIO.

Maintenance carpenters at the Unitcast Co. Local 48, UAW-CIO were granted increases up to $1.08 per hour by the WLB and are retroactive to June 29, 1944.

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SWAN SONG

After writing this column for the past two years, I am retiring in favor of John McKnight, a friend and good union member. I want to thank all of you fine people who have cooperated with me during the past two years and ask that you give Johnny the same brand of help which you gave me.

AROUND THE SHOP

Our St. Patrick's dance will be held next Saturday night at 611 Huron St. Round and square dancing, good music, free refreshments and a sociable crowd will make the evening pleasant. For 50 cents a copy for tickets, you can't beat the good time you can have. Why not plan on coming?

THANKS

We extend our cordial thanks to the members of the election committee who handled the recent election of our Unit officers with efficiency and despatch. Those who served on the committee were Larry McGee, Paul Manley, Pat Ramsdell, Harry Paschen, Robert Benson, Rush Gannon Jr., and Rolland Bodi.

That slight tremor which was felt in Toledo several weeks ago wasn't really an earthquake, but was caused by Roy Trimmer falling off that little red wagon on which he has been riding.

"Nosey Pinkey" Zimmerman, volunteer fireman of dept. 30, lost no time in getting to dept. 6 the other day to help put out the fire. The next time, he will bring the hose.

John Brug is back to work after recovering from an auto accident which kept him from our midst for several weeks.

Midnight curfew is responsible for that fine rosy-cheeked appearance noted in Harold McVicker.

Les Wolf assisted Emil Lindhorst following our last Unit meeting. Hope Emil showed the proper appreciation for the aid.

Wish the guy who designed that overhead switch controlling the electric door which goes into the foundry would furnish your abbreviated correspondent with a ladder to reach it.

Has Johnny McKnight asked anyone for a match to light the cigar he has stuck in his mouth? If not, you can bet he will.

Plaskon *Powder Pounders*

50 years ago Libbey-Owens-Ford was one of 360 companies which founded The National Association of Manufacturers: So says Toledo Blade March 12. They are also to receive certificates for outstanding progress from this most vicious of labor-hating, back stabbing outfits, whose mission seems to be doctrine of forcing the workers into submission.

It is no secret that this same outfit has real potatoes to work for them in Washington and are able to spread all kinds of anti-union propaganda to J. Q. Public. The question of delayed contract could also be answered in such procedures. Our PAC is out to hang the crepe on this sort of activity but we need 100% support to effectuate the proper execution. We believe in taking our time and doing a bang up job.

Toledo Stamping Notes

Next regular meeting of the Unit will be held Sunday, March 18. Newly elected officers will be installed. Let's all attend this meeting and give our officers the encouragement they need.

AROUND THE SHOP

Steve Czolgosz moved to the front office giving a promotion to Larry Michalak who moves into the top spot in the shipping dept.

Irene Emerson who has been in the hospital was in for a visit recently.

Anna Plichcinski and Eddie Karmol have been on the sick list while Bernice DuBelle is in the hospital. To all those on the sick list we wish a speedy recovery and a return to work soon.

Betty Cody went to visit her husband who was returned to a hospital in this country after being overseas.

Don Spahr celebrated a birthday last week and admits that for an old man he still has young ideas. Oh well, you can't blame a man for dreaming, can you?

How about the pie which the gals brought for the chief inspector? He claims it was loaded.

Is that the flapping of stock wings we hear over the press room? Yeah! Two storks.

It's patriotic to save fats — so Zelma, Marge Kersey, Webber, Doris and Flo go on a diet. The excess suet will be turned over to the fat drive.

It's wedding bells for Bob Curtis and Genevieve Schiedegger. Congrats and stuff.

Give a great big hand to a little girl who is always doing something for somebody. We mean our secretary Addie Vanklingeren.

Auto-Lite Meeting

Regular meeting of Auto-Lite Unit will be held in Parlor "A", Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., Sunday, March 18.
Steward Meeting—12 noon.
Regular Meeting — 2 p. m.
Installation of new officers, seniority cases and wage negotiations will be part of the order of business. All those involved in seniority cases must be present.

Spending Your Buck

Local 12 Research Dept.

For three years government stabilizers have sought to save the country from inflation which they claimed was being brought about by too many people having too much money. No doubt at that time and for some time afterward there was a real danger of inflation and some sort of a program to balance prices and wages was needed.

Labor co-operated wholeheartedly in this in the belief that prices and incomes would be stabilized as well as wages, and that the program would be fairly administered by the agencies set up for its enforcement. However, in the last year things have happened that cause labor to doubt that the stabilizers are even trying to be fair and impartial. Instead of inflation we are now being threatened with deflation.

Vinson Byrnes and WLB officials have teamed up to screw the lid on wages tighter than ever in spite of the fact that OPA has been very generous with new pricing rules allowing industry more and more profits.

WALLACE TESTIMONY

Henry Wallace in his testimony before the senate commerce committee stated that "Wages should be increased as the productivity of industry is increased, and expanding American economy can continue to expand only if the increased productivity is divided equitably between business and the workers." Thas is just plain common sense. All labor wants is a fair share of an expanding economy, however just the opposite is happening.

The steel industry with the help of OPA is now working on a scheme to increase profits $150,000,000 even though it is already making 400 to 500 million dollars more profit than it made in pre-war years.

Cotton textile mills with the aid of the Bankhead Amendment collected about 120 million dollars of gravy although they were making ten times their pre-war profit without it.

Finally OPA has cooked up a new scheme to protect profits through the period of reconversion when many plants will go back to peacetime production.

So far nothing has been done to cushion the shock for the worker on the day Germany capitulates our government will cancel billions of dollars of war contracts and soon after millions of workers will be laid off, while other millions will have their hours sharply reduced. All over the country pay checks will shrink.

Unless the wage freeze is lifted before this takes place the workers will find themselves with reduced incomes contending with rising prices as OPA seems to have committeed itself to a policy of rising prices even though they are still talking of holding the line.

Postwar planners and stabilization experts have been worrying mostly it seems as to how much industries profits must be to furnish the incentive for manufacture of the goods needed in the post-war period. It is time they also worry a little as to how much labor will have to have to maintain a balanced economy.

Canco Unit Opener

By Ted Modrowski

HERE AND THERE

Many questions have been fired at this writer as to just what the story is about the scar on Steve Raszka's nose. See Pauline Ritchie or Orpha Woodring for all the details.

The Safety Committee wishes to thank all the female employees for their wonderful cooperation in the recent drive for proper head dress in the plant.

We have been informed that Pfc. Robert Ott, whom we all knew well was wounded in maneuvers and is now resting in a hospital in Honolulu.

This column would be more entertaining if the people in the plant took advantage of the news box in the cafeteria.

Walter Reuther, Vice-president of the UAW-CIO will speak at the Stewards and Committee meeting to be held at Local 12 the evening of March 23, 1945.

NEWS BOX

What has happened to the many romances Johnny Powers had cooking not so long ago? There are more ways than one that this question could be answered but in an effort to avoid argument you can draw your own conclusion.

The time has come to start thinking about softball. Lefty Szenderski says he's rarin' to go and will be burning them in better than ever this year.

Don Roesler has been out digging his garden already—with his golf clubs.

Dolly Hunt has started her journey on a new year in her life. She recently celebrated a birthday. Don't ask us which one it is.

Floyd Madrzykowski was taken to camp in a recent match game at the Pal-A-Drome. Don't ask who his opposition was, ask Floyd.

Champion Unit Sparklets

Congratulations are in order for Leonard Borglin who is the proud Papa of a baby daughter. We hope mother and daughter are doing fine.

What goes on!

We hear that Bill Mehring B. Schug, Thelma Parent, Art Barnes and H. "Slim" Brenner have been home with the mumps—kid stuff.

Bob Scouten wishes to thank his six friends who voted for him during the recent steward election.

The steward elections in Dept. "L" nights shows one newcomer to the ranks Charles 'Chuck" Kessler, good luck to you Chuck and also to Chet Hughes, Olive O'Brien and Milt Weisman who were reelected.

We wish to thank the volunteers who so willingly worked on the Red Cross campaign. The results are not final yet, but should go over the results of last year, Still the results show that we will only reach an average of less than $1.00 per person while we know that many employees contributed $5.00 and $10.00 each. What happened to the contributions of the other employees? Did each one do his part.

The Champion Unit extends heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Moon and children, in the recent loss of husband and father.

Jeanne Henderman was elected steward in Dept. "D" to serve along with Bill and Chet. Good luck to all.

Who is the fellow from the Gap-setters "Our Gang" who so gallantly went for his draft examination singing "I won't pass, I got bad teeth, flat feet and my bay-window is too big."

He did pass.

After the war what? Join PAC and promote legislation to provide full employment

The Acklinite

By Lewis Mattox

The new officers of Acklin Unit will be installed March 25, at 2 p. m. at our regular Unit meeting.

The bowlers from our shop finished in the running in Local 12 tournament — nice work, boys. The boys are already talking soft-ball at ye old Acklin.

The Die Shop has four boys they call the slugs—they have badges that say so.

Our people made a fair contribution to the Red Cross. This is a cause that everyone should give to — so, contact your welfare committee.

The boys are wearing the green.

There will be a wedding at sister Myrtle Mucci's — her daughter is getting married.

PAC. — The need for all the workers to unite for political action is being brought closer to home every day with the need of legislation for the old age — and jobs for all. Let's back candidates who will support the workers.

Tom Parrish is getting along swell — the boys will be glad to see him back.

A lady from the Women's Auxiliary will be at our next meeting to talk to our girls.

Brothers Williams and Herroon are very active in the Tool, Die and Maintenance Council. Keep it up, boys.

The Acklin Unit wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the Byczynski family on the recent death of their mother.

Minister Wins Labor Award

NEW YORK (LPA)—The Rev. James Myers, industrial secretary of the Federal Council of Churches and author of the book "Do You Know Labor," will receive the annual award of the Workers Defense League for "distinguished service on behalf of labor's rights." For many years an ardent champion of labor's democratic rights, Rev. Myers will be the first churchman to receive the WDL award, which has been given since 1941.

Seeing Eye—*W-O Unit*

Local 12 is planning a new International Recreational Program for its women members. We would like to have all sister members from all the units of the Local to participate in this program, which offers all the recreational activities at the Y. W. C. A. at no cost to our members. All you need is your union attendance card. There will be a prize given to the sister who submits the best name for this program. The sisters at the Willys-Overland should enjoy an evening of swimming, not pass up this opportunity to dancing, roller skating and so forth. Please help your sommittee sister Mabel Piorkowski of department 339, make this a success.

Special, the new Drum and Bugle Corps: of the Willys Unit is being organized and they need sisters. xb nk 30 players at once, brothers or sisters who are able to teach you. For more information contact Broker Jake, department 308—110 bldg. or Carmen Petee Broderick, dept. 175—first shift.

THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Willys Unit for being so kind and considerate during my recent illness. Especially the Welfare Committee, Flying Squad ron members, and all the brothers and sisters and friends from the Unit office for their lovely gifts. Also Brother Gus Schwachenwald for taking me back and forth to the hospital. It is at a time like this that you realize the meaning of the word "Friendship." Again I thank each and every one of you.

Eldene Donovan.

CALLED

Harold (Buz) Roberts, steward of 381—second shift, and sergeant of arms at all of the shift meetings, has been called for military duty. We are all wishing him the best of luck and that he comes back to us with all the rest of our Union brothers.

The members of the Willys Unit would like to offer their sympathy to the family of Brother Aruthur McFillin of the factory office, who passed away March 6. We are all going to miss him as he was a member of the first Executive Committee and has been very active in our Union. The Burial Squad had charge of the funeral.

Twenty-five dollars for twenty-six weeks unemployment compensation is a step in the right direction and will buy more food than sixteen dollars for eighteen weeks. We can get this if you will join and help the rest of the P.A.C. members. Think twice before you refuse.

The sister drivers in Dept. 336 say this nice spring weather is the tonic they need and hope it gets warmer so they can shuck those heavy clothes.

Vince Spilis one of the old time members from Dept. 301 has a hobby and every time it starts to get warm he starts to practice on it. You would never guess it, painting inside and the outside of his home. The girls of this Dept. are wearing nice smiles these days. They have a nice, new and much larger packing room.

Have you bought your Auto License yet, if not why don't you use the service furnished by your Union? Two girls are stationed in the Union Office in 46 Bldg. to take care of your wants till 4:30 daily.

We always think that when a dept. takes up a collection for a sick sister or brother it is the finest type of Union activity. This was done for Sister Rose Polsin from Dept. 22. Thanks for a fine Union deed. One of the real old time members Margaret Winover works in this dept. and it always gives us a great feeling of pleasure to get an opportunity to talk to her. She is 100 per cent for her Union.

A great many brothers are being called for Military Service these days and it will be up to all of us to continue to contribute our twenty-five cents a week to show these brothers that we are thinking of them. Lets keep the boxes going to all the battle fronts of the world where our brothers are fighting our battles. Twenty-five cents won't break anyone. So let's all join the Soldiers Welfare Club.

Art Mix well-known movie star to visit John Taber Dept. 404 and Chuck Heebsh Exec. Comm. Room at Tabers Western Stables, Fort Miami Fair Sunday March 18, there will be an exhibition Sunday afternoon free of charge.

Labor Committee Praised For Production Jump

WASHINGTON (LPA) — It's a rare thing in the War Production Board when an industry group praises a labor committee. It happened, however, last week when the WPB's Copper Division and its Brass Mill Industry Advisory Committee stated that the Brass Mill Labor Advisory Committee "has made an outstanding contribution to the increase of production to meet the very high military requirements of 1945."

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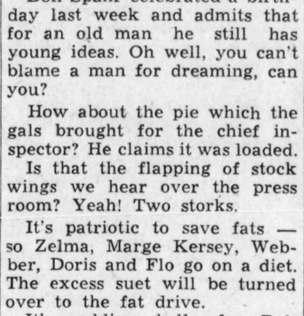
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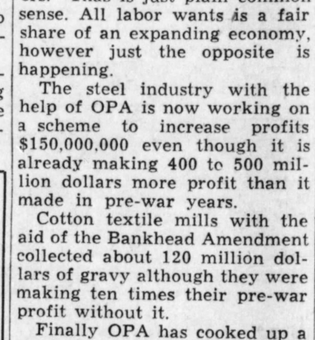

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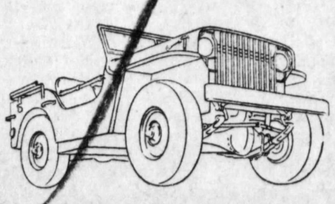
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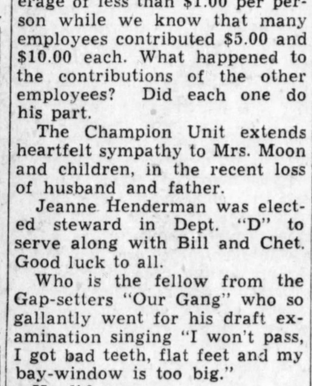

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PR Test

Petitions which began to circulate this week seeking a referendum calling for recall of the Proportionate Representation system of electing Toledo city councilmen represent the fourth attempt that has been made to eliminate this foreign born method of conducting elections.

The fact that referenda directed against the elimination of the PR system have been almost as numerous as elections conducted under the system, is ample indication of the dissatisfaction of a large group of voters who are forced to use this un-American and alien method of voting.

Charges which have been made against those who advocate repeal of PR do not hold water when examined in the light of the facts.

If labor were a minority group which could only elect a representative to city council because of the PR system, it would be foolish to advocate and work for the overthrow of a system which gives it a voice and vote in council.

Assuming that labor is a minority group or that it acts like a minority group as has been charged by its enemies and some others who claim to be "objective", it must be credited with being unselfish if it now works to repeal PR.

Obviously, labor cannot be selfish and unselfish at the same time.

Critics of PAC have pointed out that there must be some selfish and hidden reason why the organization works for repeal of the PR system. Some "experts" have taken out their pencils and figured it out down to a mathematical certainty that labor cannot elect a representative to city council if the PR system is repealed. Yet, even in the face of this evidence there are those who look for a hidden and ulterior purpose, and then, in the same breath say that labor cannot win, but must lose by the repeal of PR.

The fact is that this question of the elimination of the PR system is not just a crusade for labor, but for every individual and organization who believes in the American way of voting and choosing our public officials. Regardless what the learned professors say, regardless of the charges of businessmen who really have a selfish interest to serve and the oraculations of paid publicity men of doubtful objectivity, the repeal of PR advocated by labor is a sincere attempt to rid ourselves of a system of electing city councilmen which has proved itself a rank failure.

We submit that ten years is ample time for any system of voting to prove its worth. We submit that PR has been weighed in the balance and found wanting; that under its terms we have had a city council which has passed the buck to the city manager and earned re-election and prestige by a do-nothing attitude.

Sign the repeal petitions and give yourself an opportunity to repudiate the PR system the same as the people did in the very country the system originated.

Sergeant Alex Drabik

When Alex Drabik worked in a Toledo packing house before the war, he was just another worker. As a sergeant in the American army, he was just another soldier.

But all that is changed today. Because of his exploit of last week when he became the first American soldier to cross the Rhine in Germany, Sergeant Alex Drabik has become famous. His city has seen fit to honor him, and his family, friends and fellow workers are proud of the distinction which he gained by his feat.

What happened to Sergeant Alex Drabik could have happened to any one of the thousaindsof soldiers who are serving in the armed forces in Germany, yet the fact that it did occur to one of Toledo's CIO members gives this city and the CIO cause for pride.

Alex Drabik deserves the honor which has come to him. He was a good worker, one of the founders and original members of the CIO in his plant, a loyal and conscientious worker in his union. We of the CIO salute Sergeant Alex Drabik, a brave soldier, a good union member and a courageous American.

CORPORATION WORTH

One U. S. Corporation is worth more than 42 states! Authority for this is Senator O'Mahoney (D.), Wyoming. "There are only six states in the union," the Senator said, "the total assessed valuation of which is greater than the assets of this single corporation." He does not name the firm thus dominating the financial scene, but it will be found among the 34 corporations that are worth more than one thousand million dollars apiece. The farmer, worker, small businessman, fit into this financial sea like a single drop of water.

What's New?

By *Edward Duck*

On Leave With The Army

A TRIBUTE

This is a small tribute to a fellow who has given unselfishly of his time, money and health, that others, not all of whom appreciated it, might improve their status as workers.

It is a tribute to one whose modesty is classic and whose character is outstanding. His honesty has earned the respect even of those who have consistently opposed him. He is indeed a rare person—good to know.

Howard Cutcher has served the workers of the Electric Auto-Lite Company since 1937, being elected executive shop committeeman each year, until last year, when he rose to the chairmanship of his unit. This year he was defeated. So be it. This is not a political article, nor does it taste of sour grapes. Good luck to his successor.

It is because I have known Howard Cutcher as a very close friend since one day back in 1937 when we attended the Notre Dame-Pittsburg football game together that I am able to write this article. I have watched him closely and have seen him accept burdens that almost anyone else would refuse. I have seen others take credit for the things Howard did. I have seen him persecuted and maligned upon numerous occasions, but usually he would just chuckle and say, "Let them have their fun!" It's all in the game, and Howard knew it and accepted it that way.

VOLUNTEER

In 1941, when Local 12 began its successful organizational campaign at the Champion Spark Plug plant, Howard and I volunteered to work as a team in making house calls. He dug into his pocket for gasoline money, accepted no compensation for his time and trouble, and burned the midnight oil, including Saturdays and Sundays, in bringing these workers into the fold.

In all my years of association with Howard Cutcher I have never seen him place his own welfare ahead of the welfare of those he represented. He would go without his sleep and meals in order to attend meetings and negotiations.

In his shirt pocket could always be found little slips of paper, notes referring to requests and favors from people in the shop which called for something "over and above the line of duty". I do not recall his ever having refused anyone a favor. In fact, there are people who bitterly opposed his election to union office, but who sought him out when they had a very special request to make.

Whether it was a blood transfusion that someone needed or a problem on unemployment insurance, Howard was there to help, no matter who was making the request.

GOOD JUDGMENT

His judgment has always been calm and deliberate. He never spoke unless he knew exactly what he wished to say. He never tooted his own horn.

As for courage, newspaper stories a few years back told how Howard turned on a gunman during a holdup, chased the thug while he was being fired upon, tackled him, and took the gun away from him which should give you some idea of what he's got that most people haven't.

No, Howard Cutcher didn't get elected. But it isn't his loss, at all. And I know him better than most folks. He has no price, he's loyal to his friends and his beliefs, and in my opinion is the type of person who is needed in the labor movement. His principles are unquestionable, and have never been challegened by anyone who chose to disagree with him on any issue.

I might add that his administration was unquestionably the most efficient in the history of the Auto-Lite unit, in spite of internal dissension and an appalling lack of cooperation by a few of his associates.

I don't feel sorry for Howard Cutcher because he was defeated. I rather feel sorry for those who failed to appreciate him. The campaign is over. His opponent has won, and I am sure that Howard joins me in wishing him good luck and a successful tenure of office.

"FORWARD TO— .... *Gurgle*"

It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

60,000,000 JOBS

Much has been written and even more said about providing the workers of this country with 60,000,000 jobs in the post war era.

Most people are impressed with the sound of 60,000,000 jobs, they think it would be a wonderful thing for all workers who want jobs to be able to work, and earn, and buy, and buy and buy. Truly, it would be a wonderful thing, but so far, the plans have not passed the talking stage.

Of course, a certain amount of talk and discussion is necessary before anything really constructive is accomplished in this country, but after all, the war will be over, the veterans will be back and people will be looking for jobs—and we may still be talking.

Frankly, I'd like to see something concrete in the way of postwar planning, by government, by industry and by labor to make certain that all this conversation about postwar jobs at high wages doesn't vanish into thin air.

Not only would a lot of people like to see something definite in the way of postwar planning and some assurances that there will be enough work to give all the workers of this country jobs at high wages. People would like to have some assurances that we would not be going on another economic joy ride only to end in the throes of another bigger and better depression than the one which ended only when the present war began.

We must not let the end of the shooting war mark the beginning of another economic war in which the workers of the country are the victims.

PROSPERITY FROM WHERE

This prosperity about which we have heard so much talk ever since the depression began in 1929, first by Hoover and the Republicans, and then from Roosevelt and the New Dealers, still hasn't caught up with the majority of the people of this country. Certainly these times cannot be called prosperous despite the fact that the workers are making more money than they have for quite a few years.

It takes more than money to give us prosperity, for money is but the necessary evil which purchases for us the things we want and need. We cannot eat money, wear it, or otherwise use it as a useful commodity. It has but one use as a commodity and that is to procure the things which we desire.

Thus today, while there is a large amount of money in circulation, we find that commodities are difficult to purchase and that we cannot put our money to its fullest possible use because of shortages brought about by the war.

The workers want prosperity and not merely high wages. They want to be able to purchase clothing and automobiles, household goods, furniture and appliances, radios and hundreds of other things which are not available to them at this time even though they are making relatively larger wages than before the war.

The question is, where is all this prosperity to come from? While we recognize that the financial backing which makes industry possible is necessary, we are also aware that it is the work of hand and brain of the workers which produces the things which we all need in order to live.

Most workers believe that those who invest their money in private enterprise are entitled to a reasonable reward for risking their capital. On the other hand, many workers realize that this reward when carried to extremes, ends in a surplus of goods which gluts the market, brings about unemployment and want in a land of potential plenty and apparently only ends when war occurs to absorb the surplus, or when we can succeed in getting rid of the surplus as exports to other countries.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL

In the light of past experiences and based upon our recent and well remembered economic depression, it is obvious that those who control private industry and manage and manipulate the finances of the country cannot be trusted to manage their profits without some measure of control being exerted over them.

As a matter of fact, the present war serves to show that the great and small corporations of the country are just as greedy now for profits as they were before the bottom fell out of their world in 1929. The only difference between now and 1929 is that the corporations are now making more profits.

It is a definite certainty that a great consumers market will exist in this country for some years following this war. It is a certainty that foreign markets will exist such as never existed before. Europe and a large part of Asia will need rehabilitation, rebuilding, food, clothing, machinery and other capital and consumers gods, but the thing the workers of this country are most interested in is a stable economy.

These are but a few of the things which must be considered in seeking to create jobs for 60,000,000 workers, and it is to these points that labor must give its best thought. Unless the profit system is controlled in the postwar era it will again get out of hand and lead to worse depressions and bigger and better wars.

Editor's Mail

On His Way

To The Editor:

I wish to express my appreciation to the Toledo Industrial Rubber Unit for the gift I received from them during my recent stopover in Toledo, and also my thanks to those who showed me such a swell time while I was home.

It is the fun of meeting regular people that makes a union representative's job pleasant, and I certainly was treated well when I was given that delay-in-route.

I'll enjoy hearing from my friends while I'm "over there," and right now I'd like to remind everyone to write to their friends and loved ones who are somewhere across either of the big ponds. They need those letters worse than they need food. I know— I've talked to lots of boys who have had occasion to know.

So long, for the duration. I'll answer when I can, but somehow I imagine I might be just a little bit occupied, so please orgive me (and others) if you don't always receive prompt replies.

Fraternally,
Pvt. Edward J. Duck,
35851838
Inf. Co. K 2nd Platoon
A. P. O. 15867
c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Servicemen's Letters

Reports He's "Busy"

February 16, 1945

Dear R. Gosser and
Union Brothers

I am sorry I have not written sooner, but as you know we are pretty busy over here, so I hope you will forgive me.

First I wish to thank you Mr. Gosser for the Christmas greetings and check that I have received, but never had time to thank you. So today I'm taking a little time to let you know that I am still about and feeling quite well here in Belgium.

I have received your most welcome package today and I can't thank you enough. The articles you have sent me sure come in handy and I appreciate them very much. All the boys of my section are glad when I receive a package, they say I'm a lucky guy. It sure is nice to know you union brothers and sisters are doing all these things for us boys over here.

When I was working at the Willys Overland, 610 Shell Dept. and gave a dollar a month I never realized how much it meant to the boys in uniform, but believe me I know what it means now to get a package from friends back home. I can't thank you all enough for the great work you are doing on the home front also.

Wishing you all a lot of luck and smooth sailing I remain,

Yours truly,
Sgt. Anthony J. Kasprzak
35537508 A. S. N.
Company B, 643
Tank Destroyer Bn.
A. P. O. 654
c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.

On The Beam

By *Clayton W. Fountain*

BIG CHIEF FOUNTAIN

In the language of my redskinned ancestors, who inhabited this continent long before the white man came to civilize them with firearms and firewater. I address this message to the Great White Father in Washington.

"We have heard, Great White Father, that you journeyed far over the big waters to sit in council with two other mighty Chiefs who are the leaders of the Allies whose wariors fight beside us in the war against the tribe of the Fascists.

"There, in the Soviet teepee at Yalta, you sat in council with Chief Winnie and Chief Joe, and the three of you made strong medicine against the enemy. Since the holding of this great council of war, the braves of the Allies have conquered many villages of the enemy, and the prisoners taken have been as many as the trees in the forest.

TALK OF PEACE

"There was talk of peace, too, in this council of the Big Three. From the words you have spoken to us since your return, we see that you planned with Chief Winnie and Chief Joe for the calling of another council at which the pipe of peace will be smoked by many tribes.

"You have said, Oh Great White Father, that the peace which will come from the council of many tribes will last so long that the moons of its life cannot be counted.

"These are good words. They gladden the hearts of your children. We long to go back to the ways of peace. It has been many moons since we laid down the tools of peace to take up the weapons of war and go on the warpath.

"Our desire for peace is as strong as the surge of the tide against the seashore.

SOME QUESTIONS

"But, if you will forgive our curiosity, Oh Great White Father, we have some questions to ask, because we would like to see the peace that you are making last as long as the sun comes in the Spring to drive winter from the earth.

"If you are making a strong peace that will last for more moons than there are blades of grass on the prairies—why is it, Oh Great White Father, that you want us to agree now to the training of our young men in the ways of war in the days to come of the peace you are making?

"If you believe so strongly in a long peace and freedom for the peoples of the earth—why do you not tell Chief Winnie that the peace you are making would be much stronger if he would grant freedom to our brown-skinned brothers who live under his rule in the lands far across the Western waters?

MONEY-BAGS

"Why, Oh Great White Father, have you appointed so many chiefs of the Money-Bags tribe to high places in your councils? Those with great wealth have often shown that they have two faces, that they speak with the forked tongue of a snake.

"In the land of the enemy, it was the chiefs of the Money-Bags tribe who helped the evil Chief Adolph to send his warriors out to make war against the world. Your children think it is bad to give so much power to chiefs of the Money-Bags tribe here at home, Oh Great White Father; for these men always think first of their money-bags, and second of the people.

"We ask you to answer these questions, Oh Great White Father, so that we may know that you do not speak with the forked tongue of a snake."

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser

Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

We who have remained at home during these war years have felt that it was our duty to save the jobs of those who are serving in the armed forces.

There never has been any hypocrisy in our position, because the fellows who have gone from our shops were our buddies, our fellow workers and our fellow members who have worked with us to make our union.

Some of the proposals for veterans superseniority which have come from some sources cannot possibly be advanced with sincerity. Personally, I believe that those who advance some of these crackpot schemes to divide the servicemen from the non-servicemen are the same people who have sought, by means of propaganda, false reports and magnifying strikes, to divide the people in the shops from the men in the armed forces.

Our Union has advocated a plan for veterans' seniority which is sensible and reasonable and will give the veteran the consideration which he merits.

VETS AND NON-VETS

It seems to me that the boys who are fighting this war have a right to expect jobs when they return to civilian life. They were promised the same things that the fellows who fought World War I were promised, only in the case of this army, they are going to insist that those who made the promise carry out their pledge.

No veteran of this war is going to ask that the fellow who has accumulated years of seniority be tossed out and that he be given the job. He doesn't expect that everybody who is now working to supply him with what he needs to win the war will be discharged to make room for him, but he still rightly expects that he will be given a job.

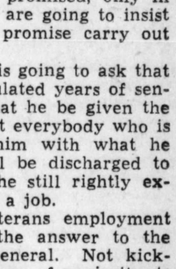
The answer to the veterans employment problem is the same as the answer to the employment problem in general. Not kicking out workers with years of seniority to make room for the servicemen; but more jobs and more employment to give oll the people of this country all the things which the resources of the country are capable of supplying.

The employment problems of veterans and non-veterans are not two separate problems, but one. Employment cannot be divided into two parts. It must be considered on the whole and not separately. Unless the veterans are given jobs, there will be general unemployment.

Let us quit discussing the problem of veterans reemployment as if it were a problem apart and consider it in its true light, a problem which effects all the workers.

From The Desk of Melvin Schultz

President, Local 12, UAW-CIO



Last week, I spoke of the Blood Donors Club of Local 12 and of its accomplishments for our Membership. This week, I would like to bring to your attention two other activities which have been developed by your Organization.

The Union Labels Store was suggested to the Organization about a year and a half ago. The recommendation was made that we sponsor such a project and the Local Union at its regular meeting concurred with the idea. Brother William Healey was named as director for the project and has continued in this capacity from the inception of the project. It is rather difficult for him, during these wartimes, to obtain merchandise which we would like to carry in this store but, nevertheless, he has struggled along, week after week, with what supplies he could obtain and whenever anyone desired to place an order, every reasonable effort has been made to obtain the merchandise which they want.

The biggest single item is the furnishing to the Shops of Labor Day Parade overseas caps and embroidered shirts. This has been handled in the past very well and for the coming Labor Day Parade, it seems advisable for each Shop to place their orders now for whatever caps or shirts they desire for the Labor Day Parade of 1945. Future plans for the store include the handling of not only non-perishable articles such as clothing, etc., but also the handling of some types of canned foods in bulk lot purchased in this manner so as to save many, many dollars for the members who will make use of the facilities of the project.

The next project which I would like to bring to your attention is the Local No. 12 Service Bureau which was inaugurated immediately after the winter holidays. In the short period of three months, it has grown rapidly. It was started by making arrangements for the members to pay their light, gas, phone and water bills, here, at the hall while attending a meeting or coming down to the headquarters to pay their dues. We have now added the sale of automobile licenses and the Service Bureau is open to the general public. Brother Bruce Melvin has been named director of the project and is certainly giving unsparsparingly his time and effort to service the Membership and increase the efforts of this Organization for everyone who belong to it. The future fo this project can only be assured by each one becoming familiar and making use of its facilities. It is our sincere hope that by your use of the Local No. 12 Service Bureau, we will be able to furnish to you all types of licenses normally bought through agencies and want to recommend any suggestions which anyone may have concerning the activities which should be added to the project which can be effectively handled.

Because of the increased activities on the part of your Organization, it would be very appropriate to adopt the slogan, "Meet Your Friends at Local No. 12."

"When bad men conspire,
Good men must combine."
—Edmund Burke

'Here Come The Waves' Gallant Tribute

Mark Sandrich Production Star-Studded

Make a note right now to see Paramount's "Here Come the Waves," which is now showing at the Paramount Theatre, for this Mark Sandrich production with Bing Crosby, Betty Hutton and Sonny Tufts rocks the boat with laughter from here to Trinidad and back.

Bing sings, as usual; one of the numbers is "Ac-cent-tchuate the Positive," and it's already sweeping the country. Crosby teams with Tufts in this spot—and it's a good one!

The Waves are the honored group in this saga of songs and comedy and the action brings in some excellent shots of the training schedule which, of course, Betty must undergo. Bing, as the singing idol of the nation and Sonny are Navy gobs thus making it possible to bring the trio together in the eternal triangle.

Betty plays both Rosemary and Susie Miller, dancing team of twins. Bing goes for Rosemary — so does Tufts. Poor Susie has a crush on Bing. So it all boils down to a three-way double-cross with every trick in the bag being exerted to win the boy or the girl, as the case may be. Bing gets the first lick in when he steals Rosemary at a dinner party. Sonny comes back by having Susie pose as Rosemary and putting Bing in a bad light.

It's tit for tat all the way through the picture and the customers enjoy every moment of it. In the smash windup, Bing is commissioned by the Admiral to put on a recruiting show in behalf of the Waves. Crosby really wants to uphold the family tradition by putting out to sea for combat duty. The Admiral who do you think stymied his orders are final, though, poor Bing? Right! Sonny Tufts.

The show is such a success, however, that Bing is compared to great Navy heroes in history and so the plan backfires on Tufts. It's a show of gigantic proportions. Bing and Sonny do a great black-face act, Betty goes into one of her familiar routines that movie-goers have been applauding for years and a chorus of screen Waves add their singing and dancing talents to this production.

Crosby proves he's no mean shakes at handling any kind of film assignment. "Here Come the Waves" is his first chore since "Going My Way", the screen hit which made history. He fits nicely into a Navy uniform for his latest role and gives a mighty good portrayal as the king of the bobby-soxers, the nation's vocal champ or what-have-you. The picture brings Sonny Tufts back into his "So Proudly We Hail" form as the Navy counterpart of his "Kansas" role for that picture.

With Betty letting loose in song, dance and comedy, the entire production might be termed another 'Star Spangled Rhythm', the recent Paramount classic. In addition, Noel Neill, Catherine Craig, Ann Doran and other lovelies comprise an eye-ful of beauty which should appeal to the male customers. Such top songs like "Ac-cent-tchu-ate the Positive," "Let's Take the Long Way Home," "I Promise You" and "Theres a Fella' Waitin' in Poughkeepsie" are sure-fire hit parade melodies judged by audience reception.

Following completion of her starring role in Paramount's Technicolor production, "The Virginian," Barbara Britton has been loaned out for a leading part in "Captain Kidd," with Charles Laughton.

Star Trio of Navy Musical

IT'S SHIP AHOY in Paramount's "Here Comes the Waves," with Betty Hutton perched atop the strong shoulders of Bing Crosby and Sonny Tufts. These three co-star in Mark Sandrich's entertaining musical production now playing at the Paramount Theatre. Hit songs from the picture are said to be hit parade possibilities with Bing and Betty rendering the tunes fashioned by songsmiths Johnny Mercer and Harold Arlen. The picture pays a tribute to the gallant Waves for their heroic Navy contribution.

Hedy No Longer Cugat's Landlady

HOLLYWOOD—Even though he has the most beautiful and glamorous landlady in Hollywood, Xavier Cugat is taking no chances—he's purchased the home he's been renting from Hedy LaMarr.

Finished with his role in "Week-End at the Waldorf", the noted band leader left for New York and his engagement at the Capitol Theater with the screening of "The Picture of Dorian Gray." Looking to the future when he returns to resume his screen work at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Cugie finally persuaded Miss Lamarr to sell the house.

Although he's been in Hollywood for many years this is the permanent address other than his first time Cugt has had a pereastern one at the Waldorf-Astoria.

SONNY'S MOTHER ON VISIT

Mrs. Bowen Charleston Tufts II of Boston, mother of Sonny Tufts, has arrived in Hollywood to visit her son and his wife, Barbara. Sonny has been playing host for his mother on the set of his current film, "Cross My Heart."

Margaret O'Brien Visits Henry Ford

HOLLYWOOD—Margaret O'Brien, back on the M-G-M lot after a month in New York and Washington, is showing her newest treasured possession, an autographed picture of Henry Ford, presented to her when she visited the auto magnate in Detroit on her return trip.

Margaret and her mother spent five days at a lodge in Conoway, Mich., 300 miles north of Detroit, where the little M-G-M star had her first try at skiing and tobogganning, then visited in Detroit where Margaret was shown through the big Ford plants and met Ford.

Alan Ladd Writes To 375 Servicemen

HOLLYWOOD — No wonder that Alan Ladd has chronic writer's cramp.

In addition to taking care of the greatest volume of fan mail of any star in Hollywood, Alan carries on a personal and regular correspondence with 375 servicemen overseas.

The popular actor learned the figures on his private letter writing recently on the set of Paramount's "Salty O'Rourke", when he made up his G. I. mailing list.

To each of the 375 personal friends in the service he is sending a year's magazine subscription.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Heard On A Hollywood Movie Set

HOLLYWOOD — Ray Bolger is busy on the set of Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer's "The Harvey Girls" explaining away a very black eye. After reciting the circumstances a number of times he reverts back to the "door in the dark" theory. It is easier, and no one believes the facts anyway.

It seems that the dance star took home a record of his dance number for the purpose of rehearsing. A rubber-legged, loose-jointed routnne was called for and Bolger was carried away with his enthusiasm. One flip led to another until suddenly he found himself flat on the floor. His hand had swung upward and given him a terrific wallop in the eye.

"But the door story is simpler," Bolger explained. "However—it was the truth that hurt."

ARMY VS. NAVY

Catherine Craig, who plays a Wave officer in "Here Come the WAVES," starring Bing Crosby, Betty Hutton and Sonny Tufts, has been named the official sweetheart of the 184th Quartermaster Corps now in France.

'Nothing But Trouble' Starring Laurel-Hardy

The laugh parade is in town these days and Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy are its drum majors That means there's a mile of laughs at the Esquire Theatre where the angular Stan and the rotund Ollie are appearing in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Nothing But Trouble." Tossed out of job after job as a butler-chef team; the comedians finally find themselves in demand because of the manpower shortage and are hired by socially ambitious Mrs. Hawkley, played by Mary Boland.

Their first assignment is to serve a dinner to the guardian of a young king-in-exile — and thereby hangs a tale of one of the funniest movies to hit the Esquire Theatre screen in many a month. Stan and Ollie meet the young ruler without being aware of his identity and mistake him for a homeless waif. The lad, tired of being guarded and preferring the freedom of the average American lad, doesn't disillusion them. Eventually the trio learns that the guardian, Prince Saul, is plotting to do away with the king and become the ruler himself.

The film takes them all through a hilarious series of events which sees them set things to right only after the kind of rib-tickling misunderstanding Stan and Ollie always have been famous for.

Miss Boland plays the catter-brained Mrs. Hawkley to perfection. Philip Merivale, as the scheming guardian, is a very hissable menace, and young David Leland does a fine job as the boy king.

The handpicked cast includes also Henry O'Neill, John Warburton, Matthew Boulton and Connie Gilchrist. "Nothing But Trouble" was directed with an eye to broad comedy by Sam Taylor. You'll have grand fun at the Esquire Theatre, so make it a point to be there. Second picture on the bill is "Main Street After Dark" which M-G-M is presenting. This is a compact, fast-moving and exciting thriller about women pickpockets who prey upon soldiers and sailors at embarkation points until the police department evolves a novel plan and cleans out the criminals who engage in this despicable thievery.

Princess Of Poker-Face

Although she rarely cracks a smile while she sings, Virginia O'Brien has one of the pleasantest dispositions in Hollywood. The deadpan diva is shown in her Beverly Hills home in an off-moment. You'll be seeing her in the M-G-M musical, "The Harvey Girls."

IT'S TRUE!* By Wiley Padan

Mary BOLAND STAGE AND SCREEN ACTRESS WAS BORN in PHILADELPHIA. HER FATHER WAS AN ACTOR.

HENRY O'NEILL WAS A CHIEF PETTY OFFICER in THE NAVY in WORLD WAR I.

Stan LAUREL DIRECTED A PICTURE STARRING THEDA BARA in 1922... HARDY WAS THE BUTLER!

Oliver HARDY PLAYS FOOTBALL in ONE HILARIOUS SCENE in MGM's "NOTHING BUT TROUBLE". IN REAL LIFE, HARDY PLAYED FOOTBALL at THE UNIVERSITY of GEORGIA!

DAVID LELAND 12-YEAR-OLD ENGLISH BOY WHO IS CAST AS EXILED KING CHRISTOPHER, SPEAKS ITALIAN, FRENCH, SPANISH, PORTUGUESE .... BESIDES ENGLISH!

*REG. U. S. PAT. OFF

IT'S TRUE! that Laurel and Hardy, in their first Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture since their hilarious "Air Raid Wardens," mingle in high society to achieve one of their biggest laugh successes in years in "Nothing But Trouble." As chef and butler they nearly poison a prince, generally mess up a royal reception and otherwise provide hilarity in the comical story of the servant problem and intrigue of a government exile.

"Nothing But Trouble" is now showing at Esquire Theater.

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From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Director of Education and Recreation

A letter was received from Lieut. Charley Jackson, formerly of the Plaskon Unit, who is at present a flight engineer with the 8th Army Air Force, serving someplace in the European theater of war. In this letter, sent to his father, "Pop" Jackson, secretary of the unit, Charley states that he was pleased to receive an UAW-CIO V-Mail letter, and says that he, and many other members of his outfit, read it and were pleased to hear what the UAW-CIO is doing for the service man.

"Birdie" Rule

Lieut. Jackson also says that his radio operator, who is an UAW-CIO member, constantly keeps in touch with the happenings on the home front and will be very glad to get back and return to his factory job. He realizes that his job, together with many other benefits, will be secure, and he is grateful that his union is not letting him and his buddies down while they are away and are not able to defend themselves against the deceit and trickery of the factory management.

The lieutenant will be home soon on a well earned furlough. He tells his dad to get all their golf equipment ready for some hot contests.

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I hear in a round-about-way that Jack Dempsey, former world's boxing champion, is contemplating the purchase of a professional football team. His presence on the sidelines will lend color and publicity to the team—and possibly a little fear and respect from the opponents.

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Possibly the youngest battery in professional baseball will be offered this year by the Los Angeles team. Ritchie Colombo, a Junior American Legion League pitcher, is 16 years old, and Bill Sarni, a catcher with great possibilities, is the same age.

So when the umpire announces, "Battreez, Colombo and Sarni," youth will really be having its fling.

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Honus Wagner and Bill Klem, two of the best known baseball old timers in their respective fields, recently celebrated their 71st birthdays. Klem was an umpire and Wagner an infielder. They both embody all the fine things for which our national pastime endeavors to stand.

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In this week's honor spot rests Dolly Incorvaia, of the Dames bowling team, from the Packard Unit. Dolly is credited with games of 142, 170 and 210 for a three-game total of 522. Her Dames team rolled a single game of 783 pins and a total of 2232 for three games.

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Word has just been received that Pfc. Ed Molik, a member of the Spicer Unit until his induction into the armed forces, received serious wounds in both legs while serving with the combat engineers in France on mine detection detail. His brother, Frank, of the Gordon Bumper Unit, says that Ed will be confined to a base hospital for three months and then will return home on furlough. Ed's friends will be waiting to hear his thrilling tales.

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The handball challenge match between Laverne Keller and Steve Toth, both of the Spicer Unit, has been played and Toth was declared the Spicer champion pro tem. Steve won two games out of three, but still Laverne was not satisfied and immediately challenged to three games of doubles—each to select his own partner. So the followers of handball are waiting for this super contest.

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Tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day, the "foinest" day of the year to the sons of Erin. One of the most popular Irish parties in the city is the one given each year at "Ma" Shane's Sandwich Shop, on Central Ave. Old fashioned Irish corned beef and cabbage dinners are served, songs of the Emerald Isle are sung by all those present and a general air of Eire prevails. About the only thing that is missing is the lack of shillalehs and the usual amount of fisticuffs.

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Several requests have been sent in for trees to be planted on Arbor Day, April 20, in memory of United States warriors slain or injured in battle. Local 12, through the co-operation of the Ohio Conservation Department, will furnish trees to those who request them.

Please send your name, address and telephone number to me as soon as possible. State also the number of trees which you request.

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Eddie Ignasiak, a good UAW-CIO member from the Willys-Overland Unit, has gone to Cape Girardeau, Mo., where he is in training for the position of first baseman for the Toledo Mud Hens baseball team.

Eddie played a stellar game last year for the Hens and is a spark plug for the team. Many of his friends will be on hand opening day to cheer him to a good start.

Under Ohio Skies

AS TOLD BY THE CONSERVATION DIVISION

EARLY SPRING FISHERMEN HAVE MADE SOME EXCELLENT CATCHES THE PAST FEW SEASONS. IN SMALL LAKES ~ WHERE THE RECEDING ICE LEAVES THE WATER CLEAR ~ BLACK BASS BEGIN FEEDING EARLY AND WILL HIT EITHER ARTIFICIAL OR LIVE BAIT.
LEGAL TRAPPING OF MINK AND MUSKRATS IN THE LAKE ERIE TRAPPING DISTRICT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MARCH 15 ~ TO PERMIT HARVESTING THIS FUR CROP.
1945 FISHING LICENSES BECAME EFFECTIVE MARCH 1
FISHING LAWS FOR 1945 ARE THE SAME AS IN 1944
Bob Hines
3-5-45

CLEVELAND INDIANS

The Cleveland Indians, of the American Baseball League, opens the 1945 season on April 17 against the Chicago White Sox at Cleveland.

Local Headpin Tourney Opens Saturday

Leaders In Basketball Tournament

Members of the Willys-Overland Unit team representing Local 12 in the National League of the Y. M. C. A. Industrial Basketball Tournament, are pictured, above, as they regained first place in the standings. Last year the team won the tournament championship and also were crowned city champs.

The champions are, reading clockwise, Curt Henderson, Ralph Johnson, Whitey Durieux, Shanty Barnett, Dwight Walters, Max McCray, Jim Hoffman, and Frank Domanowski, manager.

Most Ardent Bowling Booster Of Local 12

Walter Madrzykowski, who is rightfully called "the father of Local 12 bowling," inaugurated the first bowling league of this Local in 1942. It started with 10 teams, four of which finished the season. The following years showed a large increase in the number of teams participating in the league until 1944, when the total number reached 30 teams.

Always interested in bowling, and one of its most ardent supporters, Walter developed in 1943, the Willys All-Star team and, through his managerial genius, guided them to the winning of the Local 12 League. In 1944 he again took over the reins of the Willys All-Stars and won the first Local 12 tournament championship, took first prize in the Palace Major House League, and won the doubles and team championship of the city.

Walter extended his bowling program by managing the Toledo Industrial Union Council five in 1945 and was again successful in having his team emerge as first-place winners of the second annual Region 2-B Handicap Tournament.

Besides being successful in developing championship bowling teams, Walter is rated as one of the best left-handed bowlers in the city, and placed in the money in the singles events in the UAW-CIO tournament held last month in Detroit, Mich. He is manager of Harry's Clothiers, which is unique as it is the only all-southpaw team in Toledo, and last week completed the difficult 8-10 split and also the hard-to-get 4-6 combination in the same evening.

It is his greatest ambition to develop a UAW bowling team which will rate second to none. However, this ambition is a postwar idea because of the difficulties of transportation and housing facilities.

Bringing Home A Pet Is Risky

G. I. boys planning to bring back pets from the far corners of the earth may experience some difficulty because of laws prohibiting importation of wild birds and animals. Some species, harmless or even beneficial in their home environment, have proven decidedly harmful when brought here. Others sometimes carry diseases that attack man and must undergo a quarantine period at the importer's expense before being admitted.

In order to avoid embarrassment or financial loss, relatives and friends who know of servicemen planning to bring wild birds or animals home with them are advised to point out that permits first must be secured from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill.

BOWLING--Approach To The Foul Line

Continuing the series of bowling lessons and illustrations taken from the book by Hank Marino, world famous bowler, the approach to the foul line in the three, four and five-step delivery is described in detail. We have described, in previous lessons, the selection of the ball, correct dress, and the proper stance, for the improvement of your bowling. It is our opinion that if these lessons are followed carefully, and the proper amount of practice is devoted, your bowling will become one of the best games of skill, relaxation and entertainment.

The four-step delivery being equally workable in the case of tall or short, stout or slim people, we have found in our teaching that beginners may well adopt it. Some will get away to a short first step with the right foot; others will take a lengthy initial step. But, with all of them, adjustments can be made readily where needed, and the aspiring bowlers can soon work out their individual footwork with good results.

It does not necessarily follow that a system accepted at the very start must be permanently pursued. That is why we say that a change sometimes has its advantages, whether that change be from the original four-step to the five-step, or even to the three-step delivery.

The Push-Away

As we are about to move into stride, let us first stress the one thing that is definitely the ruling factor in attaining rhythm. We call it the "push-away." Remember it: the Push-Away.

In the case of the four-step delivery, hold the ball about chest high, with the left hand underneath the ball. Hold the ball in the palm of the left hand as you take your stance.

Now, as you begin the stride with the right foot (first step), push the ball forward toward the pins. Make it not just a half-hearted push, but an outward thrust, because on the length of that forward push depends the length of your swinging arc or arm action. A regulated arm swing lends itself greatly to body co-ordination, sound footwork, and a graceful follow-through in releasing the ball.

Bowling is built on SWINGING action, much like a pendulum; the ball is definitely swung—not carried or thrown.

The push forward and the right step (four-step delivery) must be in perfect harmony to insure sustained rhythmic action throughout the delivery.

After the push-away and first step are completed, the weight of the ball, swinging backward as the second step (left foot) begins, will naturally and comfortably drop the body into a crouch. As the third step (right foot) is taken, the ball is at the apex (top) of the backswing, and with the finishing forward action on the left foot (the slide to the line), the arm swings the ball smoothly to the foul line and on to a complete follow-through.

Take A Walk For Yourself

Regardless of whether the four, five, or the uncommon three-step delivery suits your fancy, we cannot emphasize too much the importance of "taking a walk for yourself." Do not rush to the foul line. Beginners have the mental conception that bowling consists of getting into the position or stance we prescribe, and then rushing headlong to the line.

There you have the complete picture of footwork, even though only the four-step action has been described. To describe in great detail the three-step or the five-step motion would lead only to confusion, because, actually, the relation of action in all three is almost identical. The only true difference in the approach—shorter for the three-step, longer for the five-step form.

In the five-step delivery, you hold the ball chest high while taking a very short, shuffling first step with the left foot; this step is a "feeler" step for balance. And as you move into your second step on the right foot, you apply the push-away to the ball exactly as in the four-step action. Analyzing it, you merely withhold the push-away as the first or shuffle step is taken.

The bowler of smaller stature usually depends on a five-step stride (starting with the left foot) because, to the smaller individual, the five-step stride lends itself more readily to momentum, smoothness of run, and swinging power. As we have mentioned, one of the authors is included in this class, having changed to five steps with rather pleasing results.

Again, it is imperative that the foot action confine itself to "taking a walk."

In the three-step swing, a shorter stride is naturally taken because one step is being omitted. Stand erect as usual, and push the ball away abruptly and far out as the first step is taken with the left foot. Then continue to the right foot and on to the left foot with the finish of the swing.

To prevent "throwing" or "pitching" the ball, we explain to pupils that it is best to let the ball swing itself, rather than to attempt to toss the ball down the aley. By permitting the ball to swing naturally with the backward and forward motion of the arm, accuracy in placing it on the alley to follow a "strike groove" will easily be attained. Pitching it results in loss of body balance, and a bowler off balance at the foul line can hardly expect to hit his object.

Summarizing the "footwork action," this is the course to follow: walk—don't run. Stress the push-away of the ball as the first step is taken. Swing the ball; don't attempt to throw it. And add this, for balance: keep the left arm outstretched as you approach the black mark (foul line). The weight of the swinging ball will take care of the body lean naturally.

DeVilbiss Takes Pair From League Leaders

By Ed Mandy

LOCAL 12
NATIONAL LEAGUE

DeVilbiss, paced by Hank Lourick's 597 garnered themselves a couple of wins over League Leading Standard Commutator. Ted Gasiorowski 572 took honors for the Commutator quintet.

Without attempting to take anything away from DeVilbiss it must be admitted that it's tough to win games with only four men. Give him H. . . Cap.

Gordon Bumper pulled a mild surprise sweeping three from the ever trying Toledo Pressed Steel five. Lew Warnke of Gordon was the only kegler able to go over the 500 mark.

Hank Malkowski, 534, led Mather Spring to two wins over Ransom & Randolph; C. Mulky 513, was tops for R. R.

Toledo Steel Products flashed long enough to cap the first two games from Bingham then fell into a rut in Cy Rich of T. S. P. wasted a 220 effort in trying for that clean sweep. Kwiatkowski's 582, of the same club and O. Wisniewski, 582, of the opposing club tied up for top honors.

Frank Muszynski Hits Stride

LOCAL 12
AMERICAN LEAGUE

Willys Overland who were sporting a two game lead in top position picked up another notch on the American Can boys when the latter were dropping a single decision to Jim Foltz's Mather Spring outfit, while W-O were canning three from National Supply No. 2. Frank Muszynski's 617 and Pete Johnson's 586 carried the mail for the W-O crew.

National Supply No. 1 paced by Ted Steele's 539 won two from W-O No. 2. I won't mention his name but his initials are C. L. shot a big 81 in the second game for Willys.

Standard Commutator caught National Supply No. 3 loafing in the second game and copped their lone win. Scores for either team were below par. Must be the weather, eh, boys.

Walt Kusina Enters Honor Roll

LOCAL 12 NITE HAWKS

The Willys Overland team is resting in fourth place but kept it's hopes of moving up alive by sweeping three games from the cellar dwelling W-O Shippers. Orchids to Walt Kusina—that 621 was a master piece.

Jeep Exports sewed up 1st place by taking two games from DeVilbiss No. 2. This gives them a 17-game lead with 15 games yet to be rolled. The respective captains of both clubs took high totals in this set. Stan Szarlip's 551 for the Jeeps. Bob Ressler's 545 for DeVilbiss.

Acklin Stamping and DeVilbiss No.1 are fighting for that second position in the race. DeVilbiss took undisputed possession of that spot at least temporarily by taking two from Acklin giving them now a one game edge.

Open To All CIO Members And Families

Saturday, March 17, will be the opening day of the Local 12 Fourth Annual Headpin Bowling Tournament, to be held at the Palace bowling alleys. Any male or female CIO member and anybody in the immediate family will be eligible to take part in the tournament. The tournament will continue on March 18 and 24, and will be concluded on March 25.

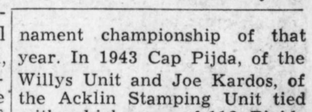
No reservations are necessary for individual bowlers, but if several members of a league wish to compete in a group, arrangements should be made at the Palace alleys or with the Local 12 bowling director. Participants may bowl as often as they choose and, according to Ed Mandy, bowling director, the charge will be the nominal sum of 30 cents per line.

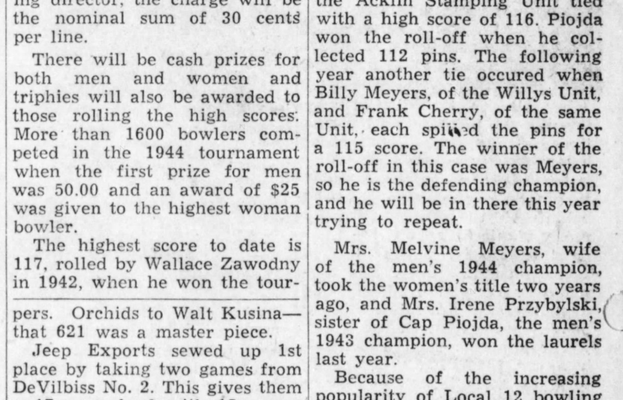
There will be cash prizes for both men and women and triphies will also be awarded to those rolling the high scores. More than 1600 bowlers competed in the 1944 tournament when the first prize for men was 50.00 and an award of $25 was given to the highest woman bowler.

The highest score to date is 117, rolled by Wallace Zawodny in 1942, when he won the tournament championship of that year. In 1943 Cap Pijda, of the Willys Unit and Joe Kardos, of the Acklin Stamping Unit tied with a high score of 116. Piojda won the roll-off when he collected 112 pins. The following year another tie occured when Billy Meyers, of the Willys Unit, and Frank Cherry, of the same Unit, each spilled the pins for a 115 score. The winner of the roll-off in this case was Meyers, so he is the defending champion, and he will be in there this year trying to repeat.

Mrs. Melvine Meyers, wife of the men's 1944 champion, took the women's title two years ago, and Mrs. Irene Przybylski, sister of Cap Piojda, the men's 1943 champion, won the laurels last year.

Because of the increasing popularity of Local 12 bowling tournaments, a large turnout is expected and some of the top notch bowlers of the city have signified their intention of taking part in the annual event.

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